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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF PEERS ON THE
BUDGET AT THE 65TH SESSION OF THE IMPERIAL DIET, 23 FEBRUARY 1934.

· Answer of the Minister of State.
Minister of State (Mr. Koki Hirota).

As for the Japanese diplomatic measures towards America, although there are some emotional problems arising out of the Manchurian Incident, the most important question is that of disarmament and the settling of this question is the chief problem of Japanese diplomacy. Japan has no intention of taking up arms against America, and, if America could fully appreciate this fact, there would be no need to speculate on remote eventuality. This is my basic idea as to the future relation to America. I firmly believe that there will be no war between the two countries and think that this idea should be fostered through diplomatic channels not only in Japan but in America as well and make the relations between the two countries better. If this is done, perhaps in the future when such a question as disarmament is discussed, violent ill feeling will not be aroused, for there will be the underlying conviction that war between the two countries is an impossibility and the problem will not assume serious proportions.

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日本ノ亞米利加ニ對スル外交工作ト申シマスコトモ、從來ノ滿洲問題カラ
生ジタ各種ノ感情の問題モアリマスガ、ソレヨリモ或ハ此算總問題ト言フ
ノガ、一番重大ナ點デアラウト思ヒマス、從ヒマシテ其最モ重大ナル
問題ヲ成ルベク穩カニ解決シテ行クト言フ點ニ付キマス工作ガ、今日日本
トシテ執ルベキ對米外交工作ノ主ナモノダト思フノアリマス、
日本ト致シマシテハ亞米利加ニ對シテ進ンテ對ヲ講ヘルト云フヤウナ觀念
ハナイノデアリマスノデ、其邊ヲ亞米利加ノ方デモ十分了解シテ呉レマン
タナラバ、御互ニ萬一ノ場合ヲ想像スル必要モ無クナル、是ガ將來ノ對米
關係ニ於テ、私ガ根本的ニ持ツテ居リマス觀念デアリマシテ、兩國ノ間ハ
戰爭ナント云フコトハ考ヘナイヤウニスルヤウニ、又其考ヲ御互ニ起スヤ
ウニ、ソレゾレ外交工作ヲ日本バカリテナク、亞米利加ノ方モ是ト相俟ツ
テ外交工作ヲ施シテ呉レル、サウシテ兩國ノ關係ヲ良ク致シテ參リマシタ

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ナラバ、他日或ハ斯ウ云フ早縮同題等ガ起ツテ参リマシテモ、非常ナ激烈
 ナ反感ガ其間ニ起ル同題テナクシテ、兩國間ニモウ既ニ戦争ハシナイト云
 フヤウナ觀念ヲ持ツタ空氣ノ間ニ斯ウ云フ問題ガ議セラレルコトニナリマ
 スト、自然其同題ガ激烈化スルト云フヤウチヨトムナタオルノハ當然ダト云フ
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